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1. JOANNINE ROY, "LE MONDE" REPORTER WHO INTERVIEWED VETTER, GAVE LABATT DETAILS OF VETTER'S LETTER TO "LE MONDE" (REFTEL) WHICH SHE ADMITTED SHE HAD NOT READ WHEN SHE FIRST CONFIRMED SEGUY'S STORY ABOUT THE DGB LETTER. ROY SAID THAT VETTER DID NOT TAKE EXCEPTION TO ANY SPECIFIC COMMENT ATTRIBUTED TO HIM BUT DID COMPLAIN ABOUT OMISSIONS, ARRANGEMENTS OF TOPICS INCLUDING LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SUBTITLES, AND ESPECIALLY ABOUT DIFFERENCES IN PRESENTA-

TION AMONG THE FOUR NEWSPAPERS INVOLVED WHICH
PRESUMABLY ARE EXPECTED TO PUBLISH IDENTICAL TEXTS.

2. "IN OTHER WORDS," SAID ROY, "VETTER GAVE US A BIT
OF A LESSON ON JOURNALISM BUT DID NOT ASK FOR ANY
CORRECTIONS." SHE ADDED THAT THE PERSON WHO SERVED
AS INTERPRETER DURING THE INTERVIEW HAD BEEN PROVIDED
BY DGB AND WAS NOT VERY COMPETENT.

3. ROY APPEARED SOMEWHAT DEFENSIVE AND ASKED THAT HER
INFORMATION BE TREATED CONFIDENTIALLY. WE SURMISE THAT
HER SENSITIVITY IS NOT IN CONNECTION WITH HER ROLE IN
WRITING UP THE INTERVIEW AS MUCH AS WITH HER EDITOR'S
ROLE IN REARRANGING INTERVIEW AND EDITING PORTIONS OF
IT TO FIT FRENCH SCENE.

4. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH FOREGOING PUTS VETTER'S LETTER
IN DIFFERENT LIGHT, IT IS STILL PUZZLING THAT HE
SHOULD HAVE FOUND IT ADVISABLE TO WRITE AND SEND
COPY OF HIS LETTER TO "LE MONDE" TO GEORGES SEGUY.
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